

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Divorce etc. Statistics

1. Writs Issued and Orders Granted in 5 year periods ended 1920 to 1950 and annually 1946 to 1951. (Some earlier figures amended)

Particulars	Averages for 5 years ended -					
	1920	1930	1935	1940	1945	1950
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	64.4	152.2	235.6	311.4	616.2	777.0
Judicial Separation	1.2	1.8	0.4	-	1.4	1.0
Nullity of Marriage	-	1.8	0.6	.2	0.4	4.4
Total	65.6	155.8	236.6	311.6	618.0	782.4
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	37.8	126.8	189.0	258.2	504.8	651.0
Absolute	22.6	106.6	166.8	242.4	422.2	646.0
Judicial Separation	0.6	0.4	0.8	2.2	1.4	1.6
Nullity of Marriage	0.2	0.6	0.6	1.8	0.4	3.6
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS</u>						
Petitions	0.2	-	-	-	0.8	1.2
Decrees	-	-	-	-	0.8	0.4
	Years					
	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	846	732	742	784	781	812
Judicial Separation	1	-	1	2	1	-
Nullity of Marriage	12	2	3	4	1	-
Total	859	734	746	790	783	812
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	709	655	601	675	615	608
Absolute	654	695	630	590	661	637
Judicial Separation	1	3	2	-	2	-
Nullity of Marriage	5	6	2	2	3	4
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS</u>						
Petitions	1	3	1	-	1	-
Decrees	-	1	1	-	-	-

2. Grounds on which Divorces etc. granted

	1950			1951		
	Petition by -			Petition by -		
	Husband	Wife	Total	Husband	Wife	Total
<u>DIVORCES ABSOLUTE</u>						
Adultery	132	106	238	119	115	234
Desertion	164	188	352	143	168	311
Habitual Cruelty	2	54	56	3	71	74
Insanity	4	-	4	3	3	6
Drunkenness	2	5	7	-	9	9
Failure to Maintain	-	2	2	-	2	2
Supposed Dead	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	2	2	-	1	1
Total	304	357	661	268	369	637
<u>NULLITY OF MARRIAGE</u>						
Impotence	2	1	3	2	1	3
Bigamy	-	-	-	-	1	1

3. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Duration of Marriage and Issue

Duration of Marriage Years	I S S U E - (Living Children under 16 years)								Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
<u>1950</u>									
0 - 4	34	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	52
5 - 9	105	96	34	10	-	-	1	-	246
10 - 14	40	44	34	19	8	1	-	-	146
15 - 19	16	27	27	8	4	4	-	-	86
20 - 24	28	19	5	4	1	3	1	2	63
25 - 29	30	4	2	1	1	1	-	-	39
30 - 34	9	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	15
35 - 39	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
40 - 44	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
45 - 49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	276	210	105	43	14	9	2	2	661
<u>1951</u>									
0 - 4	42	19	2	-	-	-	-	-	63
5 - 9	106	79	39	12	3	-	-	-	239
10 - 14	40	37	31	19	7	4	-	-	138
15 - 19	14	26	20	16	6	1	3	1	87
20 - 24	20	15	5	3	1	1	-	-	45
25 - 29	18	5	7	-	-	1	-	-	31
30 - 34	16	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	22
35 - 39	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	9
40 - 44	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
45 - 49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	267	185	106	50	18	7	3	1	637

4. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Ages at time of Divorce.

Age of Husband	Age of Wife							Not Stated	Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & over		
<u>1950</u>									
Under 25	13	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
25 - 29	21	55	18	1	-	-	-	-	95
30 - 34	5	67	66	8	1	-	-	-	147
35 - 39	2	23	45	46	12	2	-	-	130
40 - 44	1	4	17	41	35	8	-	-	106
45 - 49	-	-	5	10	36	23	8	-	82
50 and over	-	-	3	3	10	27	42	-	85
Total	42	152	154	109	94	60	50	-	661
<u>1951</u>									
Under 25	16	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	20
25 - 29	42	34	16	1	-	-	-	-	93
30 - 34	5	59	50	14	1	2	-	-	131
35 - 39	4	16	47	55	10	2	-	-	134
40 - 44	-	6	17	44	26	6	-	-	99
45 - 49	-	3	2	12	17	22	7	-	63
50 and over	-	1	2	1	16	17	55	-	92
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Total	67	122	134	128	70	49	62	5	637

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